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The 2007 Massachusetts Smart Growth/Smart Energy Conference

December 7, 2007
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
DCU Center in Worcester

This year's Conference is expanding to accommodate more attendees, provide exhibitor space, and to highlight the Administration's emphasis upon the energy and public health aspects of sustainable development. The recipients of the 2007 Massachusetts Smart Growth / Smart Energy Awards and the Healthy Motion Awards will be recognized at the Conference.

Hosted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the MA Chapter of the American Planning Association in partnership with the Urban Land Institute and the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative.

Additional information and registration is available at:
<http://www.eot.state.ma.us/smartgrowth>



"The Business of Brownfields" '08
April 17 & 18, 2008
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Pittsburgh, PA

The Foremost Technical Conference addressing Brownfields Development.

The Call for Papers is now open. Due date for submission is **December 15, 2007**. Visit the [Conference page](#) for details.



Brownfields2008 Roadmap to Revitalization

MAY 5-7, 2008 - COBO CENTER, DETROIT, MI

Brownfields 2008 Conference

The next National Brownfields Conference is scheduled for May 5 – 7, 2008 at Detroit Cobo Center, Detroit, MI.

- Conference registration is now open. Go to the [registration page](#) to register now!
- A Transaction Forum will take place on Monday, May 5th, from 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m at the Cobo Center. Go to the [transaction forum](#) page to register your properties!
- A list of [Mobile Workshops](#) is now available. Online registration for the mobile workshops and walking tours will open soon, so be sure to check back for more information.
- [Poster Gallery & Competition](#) ideas are now being accepted. The deadline for submission is **January 4, 2008**.
- Become an endorser for Brownfields 2008. Endorsers are companies, organizations and agencies that officially acknowledge the conference as a premier national brownfields event. Go to the [Endorsers page](#) learn more.

Save the Date: The Northeast Brownfields Development Forum

Cosponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and The International Council of Shopping Centers.

Tuesday, **February 12th**, at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (1201 Market Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107)

EPA has partnered with the premier global trade association of the shopping center industry (the International Council of Shopping Centers) to bring your community an exciting deal making event designed to promote the redevelopment of abandoned, underutilized, or contaminated properties. If your community has brownfields properties and you are looking for reuse options and a superb networking opportunity, this is the event for you.

For immediate information on this event, please contact [Tony Raia](#) of the U.S. EPA at 202-566-2758. More information and registration to follow.



Watershed Connections: Free Training for Municipal Boards and Concerned Citizens

Taunton River Watershed Alliance (TRWA), Mass Audubon, and the Campaign are offering a series of workshops for watershed residents, municipal volunteers and town staff. All workshops include FREE training units from the MACC "fundamentals" classes for Conservation Commissioners!

[Southeastern Mass Community Preservation Act Conference](#), Saturday, **November 10th**, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bridgewater State College. Sponsored by the [Community Preservation Coalition](#).

[Conservation Commission Fundamentals](#): Three units of the Mass Association of Conservation Commissions "fundamentals" classes, led by Attorney Michael Sites (MACC President).

- The Wetlands Protection Act, Thursday, **November 29th**, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., at the TRWA River Center, Gertrude Boyden Refuge, 1298 Cohannet Street, Taunton.
- Writing Effective Orders of Conditions, Tuesday, **December 11th**, 6:30 p.m. at the Berkley Old Town Hall, 2 North Main Street, Berkley Town Common.
- Open Space and Recreation Plans, Saturday, **January 5th**, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Howard School cafeteria, 70 Howard Street, West Bridgewater.

Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, with Jonathan Regosin, Regulatory Review Manager. Thursday, **February 28th, 2008**, 7:00 p.m. at the Great Hall at Halifax Town Hall, 499 Plymouth Street, Halifax.

Program details are available on the [TRWA website](#).

Grant Management Training for Non-Profit Applicants and Recipients

A new pilot [Grant Management Training for Non-Profit Applicants and Recipients](#) has been designed to introduce grant recipients and applicant communities to EPA's grant requirements and how to find and apply for grant opportunities. Stay Exempt is an IRS training program that provides the tools and knowledge to help keep organization's exempt status intact. It consists of five interactive courses, which you can take individually and in any order.



2008 River Rally Call for Workshops

The ninth annual National River Rally will be held **May 2-5, 2008** at [Sawmill Creek Resort](#) in Huron, Ohio.

The River Rally is a unique learning and training opportunity for professional and volunteer river and watershed leaders. Now is the chance for you to pass along your knowledge and expertise in one (or more) of the nearly 100 workshops that will be offered. Scholarships are available to workshop presenters.

See the [River Rally website](#) to for more information and to submit your ideas.

EPA Community Energy Challenge

EPA is challenging all New England communities to save money and reduce air pollution by assessing their energy use, taking action to improve energy efficiency, and seeking out renewable energy choices. EPA will provide technical assistance to every community that chooses to [Take the Challenge](#)!

Environmentally Sound Sustainable Practices Webpage

For information on how EPA New England supports strategies which result in adopting more environmentally sustainable practices, go to the [EPA New England Environmentally Sound Sustainable Practices page](#).

SMARTe

The beta version of the [SMARTe](#) website is now online. Sustainable Management Approaches and Revitalization Tools – electronic (SMARTe) is an open-source, web-based, decision support system for developing and evaluating future reuse scenarios for potentially contaminated land. SMARTe contains guidance and analysis tools for all aspects of the revitalization process including planning, environmental, economic, and social concerns.

Send your Brownfields related items for inclusion in this newsletter to Joe Ferrari at ferrari.joe@epa.gov.

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